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CHRONICLE OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

WITH REFERENCES

Abbreviations: *Ann. sc. pol.*, Annales des sciences politiques, Paris; *Arch. dipl.*, Archives diplomatiques, Paris; *B.*, boletín, bulletin, bollettino; *B. A. R.*, Monthly bulletin of the International Bureau of American Republics, Washington; *Doc. dipl.*, France: Documents diplomatiques; *Dr.*, droit, diritto, derecho; *For. rel.*, Foreign Relations of the United States; *Ga.*, gazette, gaceta, gazzetta; *Cd.*, Great Britain: Parliamentary Papers; *Int.*, international, internacional, internazionale; *J.*, journal; *J. O.*, Journal Officiel, Paris; *Mém. dipl.*, Mémorial diplomatique, Paris; *Monit.*, Moniteur belge, Brussels; *N. R. G.*, Nouveau recueil général de traités, Leipzig; *Q. dipl.*, Questions diplomatiques et coloniales; *R.*, review, revista, revue, rivista; *Reichs-G.*, Reichs-Gesetzblatt, Berlin; *Staatsb.*, Staatsblad, Gröningen; *State Papers*, British and Foreign State Papers, London; *Stat. at L.*, United States Statutes at Large; *Times*, the Times (London); *Treaty ser.*, Great Britain: Treaty Series.

September, 1909.

12 FRANCE—GRANDE COMORE. Convention signed at Tananarivo providing for the abdication of the Sultan, Saïd Ali, and for the annexation of the Grande Comore to France. Text in *Mém. dipl.*, February 13.

October, 1909.

2 MEXICO—RUSSIA. A general treaty of friendship, navigation, and commerce was signed at St. Petersburg. *R. dipl.*, May 15.

24 FRANCE—RUSSIA. Telegraph convention concluded. *J. O.*, April 7, p. 1917.

December, 1909.

4 PARAGUAY adhered to the convention signed July 6, 1906, at Geneva, for the amelioration of the condition of wounded and sick, etc. Effective only after a year from notification and in the absence of objections by powers signatory to the convention of Geneva, of August 22, 1864. *Monit.*, January 20.

January, 1910.

11 FRANCE—GREAT BRITAIN. Declaration signed at Paris, abrogating the agreement of November 8, 1899, respecting the exchange of press telegrams. *Treaty ser.*, No. 2, 1910; *Arch. dipl.*, 50:358.

January, 1910.

11 FRANCE. Decree rendering applicable from July 1, 1909, to the colonies of Indo-China, Madagascar, New Caledonia, and Senegal, the arrangements adopted by the international telegraph conference of Lisbon, June 11, 1908. *Arch. dipl.,* 50:216; *J. O.,* January 20.

13 CUBA. Adhesion to the convention of July 5, 1890, instituting an international union for the publication of customs tariffs. *B. Usuel,* January 13; *Monit.,* January 13.

14–27 MONACO—RUSSIA. Declaration of an extradition agreement, signed at Paris: an addition to the list of crimes and offenses enumerated in the convention concluded August 24/ September 5, 1883. No. 29, *Collection of Laws and Ordinances, Russia.*

15 FRANCE. Decrees issued relative to the creation and organization of the general government of French Equatorial Africa. *J. O.,* January 16; *Arch. dipl.,* 50:221; *R. du Dr. Public,* 17:195.

26 GUATEMALA. Ratification by the President of the convention respecting the limitation of the employment of force for the recovery of contract debts. Approved by the National Legislative Assembly in decree No. 791, April 29, 1909. *Official Ga.,* April 18.

29 FRANCE—MEXICO. Decree by President of France rendering the convention of June 3, 1908, signed at Mexico City regarding marriages celebrated before their respective diplomatic and consular officers, applicable to the French colonies. *J. O.,* February 4; *R. du Dr. Public,* 17:193.

February, 1910.

1 INTERNATIONAL. An international *giro service* was inaugurated between Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Switzerland. *L'Union Postale,* 35:48.

1 CANADA—FRANCE. Ratifications exchanged at Paris of the convention and supplementary convention regulating the commercial relations between Canada and France signed at Paris September 19, 1907, and January 23, 1909, respectively. *Treaty ser.,* No. 4, 1910. French decree issued February 11. *J. O.,* February 13.

1–5 SECOND CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFERENCE, postponed from January 1, 1910, was held at San Salvador. The first met January 1, 1909, at Honduras. *B. A. R.,* 30:498; *La Gaceta, San José de Costa Rica,* March 23, (texts of conventions); *Political Science Q.,*

February, 1910.

25:361; *Sequnda Conferencia Centro-Americana* (*Actas—Convenciones*), *San Salvador. See February* 2, 3 and 4.

2 INTERNATIONAL. Convention relative to the unification of money (gold standard) signed at San Salvador by the delegates to the Second Central American Conference. *See February 1–5* for references.

2 INTERNATIONAL. Convention providing for the establishment in Costa Rica of a pedagogic institute for Central America, signed at San Salvador by the delegates to the Second Central American Conference. *See February 1–5* for references.

3 INTERNATIONAL. Convention relative to the declaration of the functions of the International Central American Bureau, signed at San Salvador by the delegates to the Second Central American Conference. *See February 1–5* for references.

3 INTERNATIONAL. Convention relative to the unification of weights and measures signed at San Salvador by the delegates to the Second Central American Conference. *See February 1–5* for references.

3 FRANCE. Law passed approving the International Radiotelegraphic Convention and annexes of November 3, 1906. (*q. v.*) *J. O.*, February 3.

3 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Treaty of arbitration extended to July 12, 1914. *Mém. dipl.*, February 6.

4 INTERNATIONAL. Convention providing for commercial reciprocity among the Central American States, signed at San Salvador by the delegates of Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. The delegate from Salvador accepted the convention as a recommendation only. *See February 1–5* for references.

4 INTERNATIONAL. Convention providing for the unification of the consular service of the Central American Republics, signed at San Salvador, by the delegates to the Second Central American Conference. *See February 1–5* for references.

9 DENMARK—FRANCE. Convention signed at Copenhagen, supplemental to the convention of commerce and navigation, signed in Paris, February 9, 1842.

10 CHINA—JAPAN. The Manchurian postal convention was signed at Peking. *North China Herald,* February 18; *Mém. dipl.,* February 13. *Imperial Asiatic, etc. R.,* April.

February, 1910.

12 FLIGHT OF THE DALAI LAMA FROM LHASA, TIBET, TO INDIA. *Times,* February 24, 25, 26 (Decree of Deposition by China); *Independent,* March 3; *La déchéance du dalai-lama, Q. dipl.,* 14:382; *Uszdzang: The Dalai Lama Imbroglio, Fortnightly R.,* 520:669.

16 FRANCE—ITALY. Declaration signed at Paris relative to the reciprocal recognition of the gauge of vessels as shown by the papers of their respective vessels. Decree issued at Paris, March 29. *J. O.,* April 2.

22 FRANCE—LUXEMBURG. Arrangement concluded reducing the tax on letters exchanged between the two countries. *J. O.,* April 24.

28 BRAZIL—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Rio de Janeiro of the naturalization convention signed at Rio de Janeiro, April 27, 1908; ratification advised by the Senate, December 10, 1908; ratified by the President, December 26, 1908; by Brazil, December 6, 1909; proclaimed by the President, April 2, 1910. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 547. Text in SUPPLEMENT, p. 262.

March, 1910.

1 GUATEMALA—HONDURAS. The boundary convention of March 1, 1895, due to expire this date, has been extended until March 1, 1912. *B. A. R.,* February.

1 PANAMA. Death of President Obaldia. Succeeded by Dr. Carlos A. Mendoza, born October 31, 1855. *B. A. R.,* April; *R. dipl.,* April 3 and May 22; *Mém. dipl.,* March 6.

1 CANADA—GERMANY. Discriminatory duties abolished. The agreement is provisional and subject to a general convention for the regulation of the commercial relations between the two countries to be negotiated later. *Times,* February 17.

1 INTERNATIONAL. Ratifications deposited at Paris, by France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Spain, Great Britain, Italy and Monaco of the international convention relative to the circulation of automobiles, signed at Paris, October 11, (*q. v.*). It was signed also by Belgium, Greece, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, and Servia. *J. O.,* April 7. Decree issued by President of France, March 29. Ratification deposited by Russia, March 5. *J. O.,* April 25. The convention will be in force May 1, 1910.

March, 1910.

5 FRANCE—MOROCCO. The agreement concluded at Paris, January 20 and taken to Fez, February 2, ratified by Mulai Hafid, and returned, was signed at Paris. *Times,* March 7 and May 16; *Mém. dipl.,* February 13; *L'áccord franco-marocain, Q. dipl.* 14: 376, 438.

12 BELGIUM—FRANCE. Accord signed at Paris, in connection with the convention concerning reparation of damages resulting from accidents of labor, signed at Paris February 21. In effect three months after signature. *J. O.,* April 12.

15 BOLIVIA—GERMANY. Exchange of ratifications at La Paz, of treaty of friendship and commerce, signed at La Paz, July 22, 1908. *Reichs-G.,* Nr. 14, 1910.

15 FRANCE—TUNIS. Convention to fix new division of charges in the matter of the guarantee of interest on certain railroads in Tunis, signed at Paris. Approved by President of France, April 11. *J. O.,* April 15.

15 AUSTRIA—ROUMANIA. Exchange of ratifications at Bucharest of the convention concerning the reciprocal protection of works of literature, art and photography signed at Bucharest February 18/ March 2, 1908. In force March 30, 1910. Austrian decree, March 23. *Le Dr. D'Auteur,* 23:48.

17 COSTA RICA—PANAMA. Protocol stating the facts on which Chief Justice Fuller will arbitrate their boundary differences, signed at Washington. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:243; *B. A. R.,* April.

18 AUSTRIA—RUSSIA. Agreement signed at St. Petersburg restoring normal relations. *Austro-Russian Diplmacy in the Near East, Times,* March 24; *Les negociations austro-russes, R. dipl.,* March 13; *Les conversations austro-russes, Q. dipl.,* 14:329; *Bosnia and Herzegovina, Independent,* March 24; *Dorobantz: Les communiques austro-russes, Q. dipl.,* 14:403; *L'accord austro-russe, Arch. dipl.,* 50:425.

21 CHILE—PERU. Peruvian Government severs diplomatic relations with Chile because of the expulsion of Peruvian priests from Tacna and Arica. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:545; *Independent,* March 31.

24 UNITED STATES. President Taft signed proclamations admitting under the terms of the *minimum* tariff, imports to the United States from practically all the world not listed under date of

March, 1910.

January 18 (*q. v.*), excepting the following: France, and French possessions and Nicaragua, admitted under date of March 28; Colombia, Servia, Roumania, Bulgaria, and Venezuela, March 29; Dominion of Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Newfoundland (including Labrador) and British South Africa, March 30; and all British possessions not previously covered, on March 31. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:545.

25 LIBERIA. Report of the American Commission transmitted by President Taft to Congress. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:540; *Independent,* March 3; *Nation,* 90:392; *Outlook,* May 7; *Times,* March 26.

26 BRAZIL—UNITED STATES. Parcels-post convention signed at Rio de Janeiro.

28 INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW met at Paris. *Times,* March 29.

29 THIRD INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC CONGRESS met at Paris. The first congress was held at Liege, August 12–15, 1905; the second, at Rome, October 13–16, 1907; the next congress will be at Berlin, in 1912. *Times,* March 30.

30 GREAT BRITAIN—MEXICO. Treaty concluded at Mexico City providing that both countries shall have equal rights in navigating the rivers forming the boundary of Yucatan and British Honduras. *Times,* April 1.

31 GREAT BRITAIN—VENEZUELA. Latter pays $1030 for unlawful detention of British trading schooner in 1908. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:245.

April, 1910.

1 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Ratification by the President of the treaty concerning the boundary waters between the United States and Canada signed at Washington, January 11, 1909. (*q. v.*) Ratified by Great Britain, March 31, 1910; ratifications exchanged at Washington, May 5; proclaimed, May 13. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 548. Text in SUPPLEMENT, p. 239.

1 FRANCE. French domestic rates and regulations concerning newspapers, patterns and samples of merchandise, and commercial papers were extended to France (including Algeria), Tunis, and French post-offices in Tripoli and Morocco, on the one hand, and the French colonies and possessions on the other. *L'Union Postale,* 23:80.

April, 1910.

5 ARGENTINE—CHILE. The Trans-Andean tunnel formally opened. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:545, 580; *R. dipl.,* April 10. *See* November 27.

8 PERSIA—RUSSIA. Agreement by which the Persian Government bound themselves not to permit construction of railways in Persia expired. *Times,* April 7.

9 UNITED STATES. President issued a proclamation (No. 1021) respecting the benefits of copyrights to alien authors. *Dr. d'auteur,* 23:59. Text in SUPPLEMENT, p. 261.

10 BELGIUM—ROUMANIA. Literary convention signed at Brussels similar to the one signed at Bucharest February 18/ March 2, 1908, between Roumania and Austria. *Dr. d'auteur,* 23:56. *See* March 15.

18–29 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC opened at Paris. The first conference met in 1902 and the convention then prepared has since been ratified by fourteen powers. The delegates to the present conference took up the question of the *suppression of the international circulation of obscene publications. Times,* April 20, 30.

21 FRANCE—GERMANY. President of France promulgates the convention to regulate the telephone service between the two countries, signed at Paris, July 8, 1908. *J. O.,* April 24.

21 FRANCE—SPAIN. President of France promulgates the convention to regulate the telephone service between the two countries, signed at Paris, December 31, 1909. *J. O.,* April 24.

22–Oct. 1 INTERNATIONAL ART EXPOSITION will be held at Venice. *Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:604.

23 BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL AND UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION opened. It will close in October. *Times,* April 23; *R. dipl.,* May 1.

26 INTERNATIONAL. Dedication of the building given to the International Bureau of American Republics by Mr. Andrew Carnegie together with contributions by all the Republics of the western continent and built at Washington on ground given by the United States. *B. A. R.,* May; *A Center of Pan-Americanism, Am. R. of Reviews,* 41:574; *A New Pan-American Temple, Outlook,* May 7; *A Temple of Friendship, Independent,* May 5; *L'inauguration du Capitole panamericain à Washington, Mém. dipl.,* May 1.

April, 1910.

28 EGYPT—GERMANY. The Federal Council adopted the prolongation to 1917 of the treaty of commerce and navigation concluded in 1892 to terminate in 1912. It grants to Germany most-favored-nation treatment except in the cases of Turkey, Persia, and the Soudan. *Mém. dipl.,* May 1.

30–May 3 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HORTICULTURE was held at Brussels. *R. dipl.,* March 20; *B. del. Min. Rel. Ext.,* Caracas, March, 1910.

30 ADHESIONS to the convention of September 26, 1906 (Berne) interdicting the use of white (yellow) phosphorus in the manufacture of matches: Somaliland, Reunion, Madagascar and dependencies, French West Africa, French Oceania, and New Caledonia, February 12, *J. O.,* February 16; *R. du Dr. Pub.,* 27:202; Tunis, *J. O.,* February 13; North Nigeria, February 24, *J. O.,* March 12; *Treaty ser.,* No. 6, 1910; Leeward Islands, *J. O.,* April 13.

ADHESIONS. The British Protectorate of Zanzibar has adhered to the International Sanitary Convention of Paris, signed December 3, 1903. *Monit.,* January 23; New Zealand, *J. O.,* April 1.

WITHDRAWAL from same convention, Jamaica. *J. O.,* April 1.

ADHESIONS to the International Radiotelegraphic Convention concluded at Berlin, November 3, 1906. Ratification (a) by France, *Monit.,* March 4; (b) by Tunis, *Monit.,* March 25.

ADHESION. Dominican Republic has ratified the Act of Brussels of December 14, 1900, modifying the international convention of March 20, 1883, for the protection of industrial property, which went into effect December 25, 1909. *B. A. R.,* April.

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